

Attachment N

1995 Telephone Household Survey

Questionnaire

**RECREATIONAL FISHING QUESTIONNAIRE
TELEPHONE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Hello, I'm calling long distance for the U.S. Department of Commerce. This data is being collected in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, therefore you are not obligated to answer any question if you find it to be an invasion of your privacy. Your telephone number has been selected at random.

- Q1. To help me assign your information to the correct location, do you live in _____ county? **(WRITE COUNTY # ON COUNTY LINE) (VERIFY PHONE #)**
- Q2. Is this your permanent, year-round residence? **(CHECK PERMANENT RESIDENCE BOX)**
- Q3. Does anyone in this household go fishing? **(IF NONE, THANK & TERMINATE)**
- Q3a. We want to gather information from people who have been saltwater sportfishing for finfish, not shellfish, in the last 12 months. Saltwater fishing includes fishing in oceans, sounds or bays, or in tidal or brackish portions of rivers. How many people in your household have been saltwater sportfishing in the last 12 months in this state or from a boat launched from this state? **(RECORD IN 12-MONTH BOX; IF NONE, THANK & TERMINATE)**
- Q4. Thinking just about the past 2 months, how many people in your household have been saltwater sportfishing in this state or from a boat launched from this state? **(RECORD IN 2-MONTH BOX; IF NONE, THANK & TERMINATE)**

Are you that fisherman/one of the fishermen? **(GO TO APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTION)**

(INTRODUCTION WHEN RESPONDENT IS FISHERMAN)

I'd like to ask you a few questions about your most recent finfishing trips. **(TURN PAGE OVER)**

(INTRODUCTION WHEN OTHER FISHERMAN IN HOUSEHOLD COMES TO THE PHONE)

Hello, I'm collecting data on saltwater sportfishing for the National Marine Fisheries Service. By saltwater fishing, I mean fishing in oceans, sounds or bays, or in tidal or brackish portions of rivers. For the purpose of this survey, it includes only fishing for finfish, not shellfish. I understand that you've been saltwater fishing in the past 2 months, and I'd like to ask you a few questions about your most recent trips. This survey is being conducted in accordance with the

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Again, we're interested in those trips where you went after finfish, whether you caught any or not, and in those trips where you might have been going after shellfish but caught finfish. We're not interested in any trips where your main purpose was to catch fish which you would sell to make money.

- Q1. How many saltwater fishing trips did you make in the last two months. **(RECORD TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS.)** Please list the dates of your saltwater sportfishing trips for the past 2 months, starting with your most recent trip and working backwards in time. I have a calendar here in front of me so I can help you with the dates.
- Q2. When did you last go finfishing? **(ASSIGN TRIP # & RECORD DATE OF TRIP ON TRIP FORM. IF DK DATE, ASK MONTH & THEN ASK IF WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND).**
- Q3. Were you fishing from a pier, a jetty, a bridge, a beach, a bank, or a boat? **(IF MORE THAN ONE MODE WITHIN A MODE CATEGORY (A,B,C,D), CODE THE ONE USED LAST THAT DAY. IF MORE THAN ONE MODE CATEGORY, CODE AS 2 SEPARATE TRIPS WITH THE SAME DATE).**

(REPEAT QUESTIONS 1 & 2 UNTIL ALL TRIPS FOR THE PAST 2 MONTHS HAVE BEEN COVERED. THEN GO ON TO Q3+)

Now, I'd like a little more information about each of the trips you just mentioned. **(STARTING WITH THE 1ST TRIP MENTIONED, ASK Q3-8 FOR EACH TRIP BEFORE GOING ON TO THE NEXT TRIP)**

- Q4. **(IF PRIVATE BOAT, ASK:)** Thinking about your trip on (date), does the public have access to the place from which your boat left or is it private?
(IF PUBLIC, ASK:) Was it a launch ramp, boat slip, dock mooring or something else?
(IF PRIVATE, ASK:) Was it from a personal residence or dock, a private locked gate marina, a private property unlocked marina or something else?
(ALL OTHER MODES, ASK:) Thinking about your trip on (date), does the public have access to this fishing site or is it private?
- Q5. **(IF BOAT, ASK:)** What time did your boat return? **(IF NOT BOAT, ASK:)** What time did you stop fishing?
- Q6. Was most of your effort that day in the ocean, sound, river or bay?
(PROBE RIVER:) Were you fishing in the lower part of the river which is brackish or affected by the tide? **(IF NO, DISREGARD TRIP; IF YES, CHECK BOX & CONTINUE)**
(PROBE BAY:) Was that an open bay or an enclosed bay?
(PROBE INLET:) Were you more toward the outside or more toward the inside of the

inlet?

- Q7. **(IF BOAT, ASK:)** To what coastal county did your boat return? **(IF NO BOAT, ASK:)** In what coastal county were you fishing?

(IF MORE THAN 1 FISHERMAN, DON'T FORGET TO ASK ABOUT OTHERS)